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11 February 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Engineering Analysis Division, OSA

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SUBJECT : Status of the [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE : Memo for the Record, from C/EAD/OSA,
dtd 5 Feb 63, subj: Flight Test of U-2

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1. I have read with interest your memorandum covering the January 29 U-2 flight [REDACTED]. In evaluating the performance of [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] environment, I believe your decision to cancel further tests at the site was a sound one in view of the discrepancies which came to light.

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2. Dr. Seoville has spoken to me of his concern over not only the inconclusive test results we have acquired to date but about the rather depressing summary which you mention in paragraph 5 of the reference. I would have been happier had you concluded with some positive recommendation as to the steps which this Agency could reasonably take on an expedite basis to improve the performance of the [REDACTED]. It seems to me that only a few weeks ago we were discussing the possibility of moving this equipment to the West Coast to permit its more active engagement in our test objectives. Deficiencies which you suggest in your memorandum, namely, those of underfunding and personnel limitations presumably are of long standing and would have to have been rectified before we moved to the West Coast.

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and employed the gear. I would appreciate it then if you would address yourself to the question of reasonable measures which could be taken by this Agency to upgrade the  capability to permit optimum performance.

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